

Luna’s picturesque campus takes on a new look with a layer of snow from a winter storm Feb. 4-5. Northeastern New Mexico has received several recent snowfalls.



Luna honor rolls: 71 students

New President’s list highlights 4.0 students

Twenty-five students have been named to the Luna Community College President’s Honor Roll for the fall 2019 semester, as announced by Dr. Rolando Rael, LCC president. These students earned a 4.0 grade point average for the semester while enrolled in a full-time class schedule.

Seventy-one students, including those 25, have been named to the LCC Vice President’s Honor Roll, as announced by Dr. Kenneth

Patterson, LCC vice president for instruction and student affairs. These individuals earned a 3.5 GPA or better as full-time students this past fall.

“On behalf of Luna Community College, we commend each of these students for their efforts in class this past fall,” said Rael. “We wish them and all our students continued success this spring and beyond. We want to help each student excel, and we encourage all students to take advantage of the resources available to them.”

Rael instituted the President’s

Honor Roll this academic year.

The Fall 2019 Luna Community College President’s Honor Roll:

Jeremy Jude Baca, Donika D. Chavez, Shantae M. Chavez, Juanmarcos Dominguez, Isaiah Z. Fernandez, Sarah Emily Gallegos, Francisco H. Gonzales, Julie M. Gonzales, Naomi N. Gonzales, Abigail A. Gurule, Ashley R. Jaramillo, Austen Tyler King, Joleen A. Mascareñas, Amanda D. Orozco, Tobias M. Ortega, Amaya A. Ortiz, Ashley Ann Regensberg, Jayson T. Rings, Iris Josie Romero, Katrina M. Roybal, Andrea M. Sanchez, David Sanchez,

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You're invited to help represent Luna for

Las Vegas Day

at the Legislature

Monday, Feb. 17

1-3 p.m., State Capitol rotunda
Santa Fe

Free roundtrip shuttle available to Luna students and employees on first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up with Amanda Lucero, Humanities 109. Shuttles will leave at 11 a.m. from Maria H. Paiz Admin Bldg lot.



Join us for Luna Night in Springer

A public
meet & greet
Feb. 20

WHAT: A public meet & greet with Luna Community College
WHEN: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, followed by LCC Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m.
WHERE: LCC Springer satellite

- Meet your new LCC Board of Trustees, including your District 6 representative, Louise Portillos, and Luna President Dr. Rolando Rael!
- Learn more about the college and its offerings as well as its commitment to Springer and the rest of District 6!
- Light refreshments to be served!



Honor rolls

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Latricia L. Sanchez, Judy L. Silva, McKayla A. Thorley.

The Fall 2019 Luna Community College Vice President's Honor Roll:

Julianna F. Alderete, Ramona Arellanes, Jeremy Jude Baca, Abby M. Baca-Lujan, Maxwell Eamon Bernstein, Taylor R. Bustamante, Stephanie D. Carrillo, Krysten J.R. Cavazos, Joseph Isaiah Chaparro, Donika D. Chavez, Shantae M. Chavez,

DeAnza A. Dimas, Juanmarcos Dominguez, Masie Elizabeth Estep, Lainey Marie Fastnacht, Isaiah Z. Fernandez, Katelyn Rose Fox, Sarah Emily Gallegos, Christiana M. Garcia, Issac N. Garcia, Roxanne L. Garcia, Samuel A. Garcia, Jordan Michelle Gaunt, Rogelio Gonzales Pantoja, Francisco H. Gonzales, Julie M. Gonzales, Naomi N. Gonzales, Abigail A. Gurule, Ashton Wesley Hansen, Vernon Elroy Hart, Jr., Ashley R. Jaramillo, Austen Tyler King, Ashley Lucero, Fabien C. Lucero, Ashlea M. Lujan, Jerilynn Martinez, Lorencito J. Martinez, Joleen A. Mascareñas, Patrick James McGee, Pauline M. Medina, Monica

Josephine Mondragon, Samantha E. Montañó, Marquisa J. Montoya, Shaelyn M. Muldoon, Julia G. Olguin, Amanda D. Orozco, Tobias M. Ortega, Veronica S. Ortega, Amaya A. Ortiz, Angelica M. Ortow, Mason Rose Peek, Jaeden R. Perea, Ashley Ann Regensberg, Jayson T. Rings, Kyrstian M. Rodriguez, Iris Josie Romero, Katrina M. Roybal, Victoria E. Salazar, Andrea M. Sanchez, Briana R. Sanchez, David Sanchez, Latricia L. Sanchez, Taylor Rose Sandoval, Heather C.J. Santillanes, Judy L. Silva, McKayla A. Thorley, Jacob N. Threadgill, Tyler N. Trujillo, Eliz A. Vargas, Alec B. Vigil, Krystin F. Villanueva.

Salute to service



Above: Luna School of Education's Belanna Apodaca, Marcella Salazar, Martha Trujillo, Brenda Ortega and Candice Tenorio gather to celebrate the retirement of Trujillo. Trujillo, who worked as a preschool teacher, retired in late January.

Right: Luna Human Resources' Carolyn Chavez, Sandra Rivera, Leticia Archuleta, Germaine Baca and Donna Sanchez-Pino pose in front of their office. Archuleta retired in January after serving as payroll administrator.



Crime scenes, court cases serve as classrooms

Program provides hands-on experience in criminal justice

Sitting down at a desk and listening to lectures? That's not what the Criminal Justice classes of Luna Community College's Jason Killian are all about.

Try securing and processing a crime scene, a fictional "homicide" in the back of the college's ACE lab, with blood spatter on the walls and a mannequin victim on the floor.

Or serving a search warrant at the Luna administration building and chasing the school's vice president, a person of interest in another "investigation."

Or staging a full criminal trial, with Luna's director of the school of business as the defendant, in a mock trial at the real San Miguel County Courthouse — with actual judges, lawyers and bailiffs on hand.

Those are a few examples of what Killian's students took part in this past semester, learning the particulars of the criminal justice system by actively participating in simulation exercises. Students are cast in various roles, from police officers who initially respond to an incident to attorneys who take up either side of a criminal case. After being introduced to the basic concepts, students are thrust into



LCC Criminal Justice instructor Jason Killian (center) guides his students through the process of securing a crime scene. The class used the college's ACE lab as the scene of a fictional violent crime.

their situational roles and must think on their feet — applying what they're learning in class and making judgment calls when faced with often tricky scenarios.

On many occasions, it's trial by error. Accounting for an unlocked back door while also preventing spectators from contaminating a violent crime scene. Following the limitations of a search warrant, being wary of opportunities for suspects to either flee or destroy evidence. Establishing a clear foundation for lines of questioning with a witness on the stand. Knowing when to object to a particular line of questioning or the introduction of prejudicial information.

"It was different," said Joaquin Bustamante, who has interest in a career in probation or parole. "It was interesting (at the mock crime scene) watching people run around trying to find a suspect."

Steve Sandoval, who is thinking of a career in border patrol, said that while there's some background instruction given in the classroom, much of the learning takes place as the teams of students are immersed in processing a crime scene or following it through to the court case.

"It was more learning there," he said. "You could make mistakes, and see the mistakes."

Because her father is a police officer and she participated in mock

trial on the high school level for two years, Kaitlyn Maes was familiar with much of the material before taking part in Killian’s classes. But she said synchronizing classroom, guest presenters and experiential learning has been invigorating. “It’s re-opened everything for me,” she said. Maes is exploring career options in either law or law enforcement.

“I learned so much that day (in court), seeing how this whole process works, seeing how to argue and object ... and the reason why,” said Lorencito Martinez, one of the students who played a role in the courthouse proceeding. “Everything about this experience was very interesting, new, stressful and fun.”

While Killian’s classes have dabbled with mock trials before, borrowing from real-life cases at times, the level of engagement has never been higher. Killian makes a habit of enlisting actual law enforcement officers, trial lawyers, judges and others to provide his students with insights on their experiences. Sometimes this means the experts coming to class as guest speakers. But they also have been tapped to aid students with the mock investigations and cases as they proceed to trial. Veteran defense attorney Scott Pistone and retired magistrate judge Chris Najar were among those who lent their perspectives this past fall.

Killian also found willing participants from Luna’s campus itself. Lita Bernal, the



Luna student Stephanie Carrillo discusses the challenges of apprehending a suspect with Dr. Kenneth Patterson, Luna’s vice president for instruction and student services. Patterson portrayed a suspect in the fictional case.

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Lorencito Martinez
Luna Community College student, on the Criminal Justice class

aforementioned director of the LCC School of Business, has portrayed a judge in previous mock trial settings. This semester, Bernal played crime scene spectator before her star turn as defendant in a fictional narcotics trafficking case. Bernal’s outburst in court, where she menaced prosecution witness (and School of Business adviser) Melissa Cordova, highlighted a full afternoon at the

county courthouse. Vice President for Instruction and Student Services Kenneth Patterson also volunteered this semester, and his evasive actions pointed out the challenges police face when trying to serve warrants and apprehend suspects. Others across campus have similarly filled roles for the classes.

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College Scorecard:

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Luna celebrates Mora homecoming

A Luna crew joins the Mora Rangers and Rangerettes in celebrating homecoming with a parade on Friday, Jan. 31.







This week in Rough Rider athletics

FEB. 14, 2020

BASEBALL VS. OTERO

Rough Rider baseball is riding a win streak after taking two of three games at Ottawa University in Surprise, Ariz., over the weekend. Coach T.C. Nusser's Rough Riders have won three of their last four to improve to 3-4 overall. They are scheduled to visit Trinidad State (3-5) at 1 p.m. Friday, then visit Otero Junior College (4-4) in a Saturday doubleheader. Luna opens the home schedule with a doubleheader against Otero on Sunday at Brandt Park on the New Mexico Highlands University campus, with first pitch at noon. In this past series at the Ottawa junior varsity, Luna lost Friday's opener 7-6 but rebounded to sweep Saturday's doubleheader 3-2 and 3-2. Dylan Begay, Daniel Morales, Tony Limon and Trent Dewyer excelled on the pitching mound in the series, and Rogelio Gonzales was among the batting leaders for Luna.




SOFTBALL IDLE

Luna softball will have to wait for a chance to measure its own improvement in recent days. Inclement weather forced the team to postpone an anticipated rematch with Otero Junior College, the team that swept the Rough Riders to open the spring schedule two weeks ago. The team and head coach Steve Wallace had been scheduled to host the Rattlers on Saturday in the LCC home opener. Last weekend, heavy snowfall in Odessa, Texas, led to the cancellation of the Permian Basin Invitational — giving Luna softball a weekend off from game play. On Jan. 31, the shorthanded Rough Riders lost twice at Otero, 14-3 and 12-5, in La Junta, Colo. Luna sophomore Aiyana Gonzales ranks sixth in batting average among NJCAA players after hitting 5 for 6 (.833) in that series.



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Criminal justice

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“We conduct these hands-on exercises to prepare our students for the workforce,” Killian explained. “Employers want students who can DO, so we teach our students how to perform essential job duties like processing a scene.”

“It is more interesting than a book and lectures,” Martinez said. “I was super proud of this final because I definitely pushed past my fear of speaking in public and in this actual courthouse.”

Killian’s hands-on, experience-based approach has earned raves from his students.

“You get to experience things first hand,” said Stephanie Carrillo, who is considering a career in law. “He does try to involve a lot of people. He strives to make it exciting.”

“The teachers here in this program are a lot more passionate,” agreed Gabriel Duran, who expressed interest in the border patrol. “Here it’s fun and still a good learning environment. They go out of their way to help you learn.”



Above: A bailiff forcibly restrains Luna School of Business director Lita Bernal, here portraying the defendant in the mock trial.

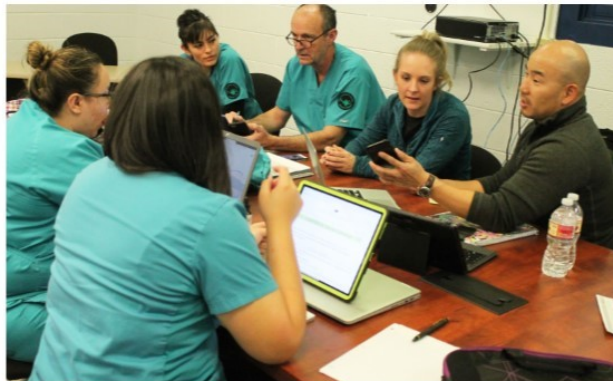


At left: Luna Criminal Justice instructor Jason Killian goes over trial strategy with students on the defense team.



Luna Criminal Justice student Karl Bazan delivers opening arguments for the prosecution during the class’s mock trial, which used an actual courtroom in the San Miguel County Courthouse. Students gained insights with the assistance of attorney Scott Pistone and retired magistrate judge Chris Najjar and others.

We help you take on the TEAS!



**Free TEAS prep
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room 126-B

FREE workshops to help prepare you for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) are now being offered at Luna Community College. Contact Yvonne Piña, ypina@luna.edu, or 505-454-2525, to sign up or to get more information.

Workshop schedule

SEQUENCE 1	WORKSHOP TOPIC	SEQUENCE 2
Feb. 18	Pre-test & test strategies	March 31
Feb. 20	Reading	April 2
Feb. 24	Math	April 6
Feb. 26	Anatomy & physiology	April 8
March 3	Life science	April 14
March 5	Post-test & skills review	April 16

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* All workshops and post-tests must be completed within same sequence in order to be eligible. Limit one free TEAS fee waiver per participant. Visit LCC Nursing Department for details.



Nursing embraces new technology



Luna's nursing department recently added new state-of-the-art equipment to its simulation lab with Nursing Enhancement funds from the NMHED. At left, nursing faculty and IT's Larry Paiz receive training on the new simulation medication cart. The cart allows for nursing students to administer medications in the simulation lab the same way they would in practice.



Nursing director Maxine Hughes shows the simulation medicine cart, which is similar to the computerized medication delivery system used in acute care facilities.



Susan Grohman, nursing faculty member and simulation coordinator, poses with the latest mannequin purchased for the simulation lab. Nursing Anne uses the latest technology to give nursing students real-world experience in a simulation environment.

LV Day at Legislature Feb. 17



Chairwoman Dr. Phyllis Martinez, Dianna Medrano and Maxine Salas of the Luna Board of Trustees meet with Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham at the Hispano Round Table legislative dinner at La Fonda in Santa Fe on Feb. 5.



From left, Rep. Tomas Salazar, Luna trustees Maxine Salas, Louise Portillos, Dr. Phyllis Martinez and Rep. Joseph Sanchez talk about capital outlay funding.

A shuttle is available for students, faculty and staff interested in helping represent Luna Community College for Las Vegas Day at the Legislature on Monday, Feb. 17.

The college will have representatives greeting visitors at a table set up in the state capitol from 1 to 3 p.m. Dr. Rolando Rael, Luna president, is scheduled to be among the speakers at the capitol rotunda.

The Luna round-trip shuttle will offer space on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those interested in taking the shuttle are asked to sign up with Amanda Lucero, room 109 of the Humanities building. The school vehicle will depart at approximately 11 a.m. that day from the parking lot in front of the Maria H. Paiz Administration Building.

Students and employees planning to make the trip either in the school vehicle or on their own are advised to make arrangements with their instructors or supervisors.

Anyone interested in helping promote the college and its importance to the area may wish to visit with area legislators Sen. Pete Campos, Sen. Liz Stefanics, Rep. Tomas Salazar, Rep. Joseph Sanchez and Rep. Martin Zamora.

No evening event will be held for this year's Las Vegas Day. The 30-day session concludes at noon on Thursday, Feb. 20.